

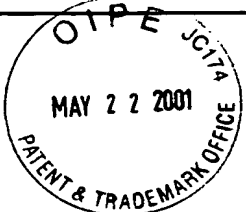
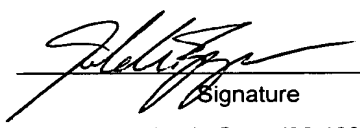
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	In re Application of Ronan Sander et al.	
	Application Number 09/581,847	Filed June 19, 2000
	For METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR COMBATting INSECTS AND VIRUSES TRANSMITTED TO PLANTS THEREBY	
	Group Art Unit 1616	Examiner J. Pak
<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="margin-right: 20px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))  <input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))  <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))  <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))             </div> <div style="text-align: right;">                 \$ _____                  \$ _____  <b>\$890.00</b>                  \$ _____                  \$ _____             </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____.             </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.             </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.             </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.             </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>13-3402</u>.             </div> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p> <p>I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.</p> <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71             </div> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).</p> <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record.             </div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).             </div> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). _____</p>		
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